



Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), Indian Institute of Foreign  
Trade (IIFT), New Delhi



Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR),  
Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab

*invite you to attend the Conference on*

# 'DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS: PROSPECTIVE PATHWAYS'

*Chief Guest*

**SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL**

Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry; Textiles, and;  
Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution,  
Government of India

CTIL and CADR, RGNUL are organizing a conference on **Dispute Settlement in Regional Trade Agreements: Prospective Pathways** on 10-11 February 2022. The conference seeks to shed light on and enlighten the participants concerning challenges as well as the possible direction in which dispute settlement could evolve in RTAs and the WTO. The conference will, among other topics, focus on the dispute settlement provisions in CPTPP, USMCA and the European Union trade agreements through dedicated sessions. These trade agreements contain innovative approaches in their dispute settlement chapters that are poised to offer considerable guidance and influence on dispute resolution. Understanding the scope and nature of dispute settlement in these RTAs is key to visualising the emerging trends in the international trade agreements. The discussion will bring together a variety of perspectives from both developing countries and developed countries.



10-11 FEBRUARY 2022

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# PROGRAMME SCHEDULE | DAY 1

## Opening Session

8.15-8.30 am IST, 10 Feb

**PROF. JAMES NEDUMPARA**

Head and Professor, CTIL, New Delhi, India

**PROF. G. S. BAJPAI**

Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab, India

## Session 1: Dispute Settlement in North American Trade Agreements

**CHAIR: PROF. COLIN PICKER**

Executive Dean, Faculty of Business and Law, University of Wollongong, Australia

**MR. SIMON LESTER**

(8.30-8.50 am IST, 10 Feb | 10.00-10.20 pm EST, 9 Feb)

Co-founder of WorldTradeLaw.net and China Trade Monitor, Washington, D.C., United States

**PROF. J. ANTHONY VANDUZER**

(8.50-9.10 am IST, 10 Feb | 10.20-10.40 pm EST, 9 Feb)

Hyman Soloway Chair in Business and Trade Law and Full Professor, University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

**PROF. DAVID A. GANTZ**

(9.10-9.30 am IST, 10 Feb | 8.40-9.00 pm MST, 9 Feb)

Will Clayton Fellow for Trade and International Economics Center for the United States and Mexico/Baker Institute, Rice University; Samuel M. Fegtly Professor Emeritus, The University of Arizona, Rogers College of Law, United States

**PROF. GREGORY SHAFFER**

(9.30-9.50 am IST, 10 Feb | 8.00-8.20 pm PST, 9 Feb)

Chancellor's Professor of Law, School of Law, University of California, Irvine, California, United States

Q&A Session | 9.50-10.00 am IST, 10 Feb

## Session 2 - Dispute Settlement in Asia-Pacific Trade Agreements

**CHAIR: DR. SRIKAR K. REDDY**

Joint Secretary, WANA Division, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi, India

**PROF. CHARLES-EMMANUEL CÔTÉ**

(10.00-10.20 am IST, 10 Feb | 11.30-11.50 pm EST, 9 Feb)

Full Professor, Faculty of Law, Laval University, Quebec City, Canada

**PROF. HENG WANG**

(10.20-10.40 am IST, 10 Feb | 3.50-4.10 pm AEDT, 10 Feb)

Professor and Co-Director, UNSW Law & Justice's Herbert Smith Freehills China International Business and Economic Law (CIBEL) Centre, Sydney, Australia

**DR. RAJESH SHARMA**

(10.40-11.00 am IST, 10 Feb | 4.10-4.30 pm AEDT, 10 Feb)

Senior Lecturer, Legal and Dispute Studies, Criminology and Justice, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia

**PROF. MICHAEL EWING-CHOW**

(11.00-11.20 am IST, 10 Feb | 1.30-1.50 pm SGT, 10 Feb)

Associate Professor and WTO Chair, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, Singapore

**PROF. SUFIAN JUSOH**

(11.20-11.40 am IST, 10 Feb | 1.50-2.10 pm MYT, 10 Feb)

Director and Professor of International Trade and Investment at the Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

**Q&A Session | 11.40 am-12.00 pm IST, 10 Feb**

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## Special Address

**PROF. PETER VAN DEN BOSSCHE**

(3.00-3.40 pm IST, 10 Feb | 10.30 am-11.10 am CET, 10 Feb)

Director of Studies, World Trade Institute (WTI), Bern; Former Member and Chairman, Appellate Body, World Trade Organization (WTO), Geneva, Switzerland

**Q&A Session | 3.40-4.00 pm IST, 10 Feb**

# IIFT Panel Discussion: Developing an Architecture for Dispute Settlement in Trade Agreements: Indian Perspective

**CHAIR: PROF. MANOJ PANT**

Vice-Chancellor of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

**MR. SUHAIL NATHANI**

(4.00-6.00 pm IST, 10 Feb)

Managing Partner, Economic Laws Practice,  
Mumbai, India

**MR. TEJAS KARIA**

(4.00-6.00 pm IST, 10 Feb)

Partner and Head, Arbitration Practice, Shardul  
Amarchand Mangaldas, New Delhi, India

**MS. SHAILJA SINGH**

(4.00-6.00 pm IST, 10 Feb)

Associate Professor, Centre for WTO  
Studies, IIFT, New Delhi

**SHRI TAPAN MAZUMDER**

(4.00-6.00 pm IST, 10 Feb)

Additional DGFT, Department of  
Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and  
Industry, New Delhi, India

**Q&A Session | 6.00-6.30 pm IST, 10 Feb**

## Concluding Session

### Special Address

**PROF. RAJ BHALA**

(6.30-7.00 pm IST, 10 Feb | 7.00-7.30 am CST, 10 Feb)

Distinguished Professor, University of Kansas, School of Law, Lawrence, Kansas, United States;  
Senior Advisor, Dentons, Kansas City, Missouri, United States; On Point Columnist, Bloomberg  
Quint, Mumbai, India

### CHIEF GUEST

**SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL**

(7.00-7.10 pm IST, 10 Feb)

Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry; Textiles, and; Consumer Affairs, Food & Public  
Distribution, Government of India

### Concluding Remarks

**PROF. JAMES NEDUMPARA**

Head and Professor, CTIL, New Delhi, India

**PROF. G. S. BAJPAI,**

Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab, India

# PROGRAMME SCHEDULE | DAY 2

## Session 3 - Emerging Trends in ISDS in Investment Chapters of Trade Agreements

**CHAIR: PROF. LEÏLA CHOUKROUNE**

Professor of International Law and Director of the University of Portsmouth Thematic Area in Democratic Citizenship, United Kingdom

**PROF. PRABHASH RANJAN**

(11.00-11.20 am IST, 11 Feb)

Professor and Vice Dean (Continuing Education), Jindal Global Law School, Sonapat,(OP Jindal Global University),India

**PROF. LUKE R. NOTTAGE**

(11.40 am-12.00 pm IST, 11 Feb | 5.10-5.30 pm AEDT, 11 Feb)

Professor, University of Sydney, Australia; Special Counsel, Williams Trade Law, Sydney, Australia

**PROF. N. JANSEN CALAMITA**

(11.20-11.40 am IST, 11 Feb | 1.50-2.10 pm SGT, 11 Feb)

Research Associate Professor and Head, Investment Law and Policy, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore, Singapore

**PROF. MARKUS WAGNER**

(12.00-12.20 pm IST, 11 Feb | 5.30-5.50 pm AEDT, 11 Feb)

Associate Professor of Law and Director, UOW Transnational Law & Policy Centre (TLPC), School of Law, University of Wollongong, Australia

**Q&A Session | 12.20-12.50 pm IST, 11 Feb**

## Special Address

**PROF. GIORGIO SACERDOTI**

(12.50-1.20 pm IST, 11 Feb | 8.20-8.50 am CET, 11 Feb)

Emeritus Professor of International Law and European Law, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy; Former Member and Chairman of the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization (WTO)

**Q&A Session | 1.20-1.50 pm IST, 11 Feb**

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## Session 4: Dispute Settlement in the EU Trade Agreements

**CHAIR: MS. NIDHI MANI TRIPATHI**

Joint Secretary, FT-Europe, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi, India (TBC)

**PROF. MARCO BRONCKERS**

(3.00-3.20 pm IST, 11 Feb | 10.30-10.50 am CET, 11 Feb)

Professor of WTO and EU law, Leiden University, Netherlands; Member of the Brussels Bar

**PROF. GERALDO VIDIGAL**

(3.20-3.40 pm IST, 11 Feb | 10.50-11.10 am CET, 11 Feb)

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands; Visiting Fellow, Centre for Trade and Economic Integration, Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland

**DR. DYLAN GERAETS**

(3.40-4.00 pm IST, 11 Feb | 11.10-11.30 am CET, 11 Feb)

Associate, Public Policy, Regulatory & Political Law and International Trade practices, Mayer Brown, Brussels, Belgium

**MR. FOLKERT GRAAFSMA**

(4.00-4.20 pm IST, 11 Feb | 11.30-11.50 am CET, 11 Feb)

Partner, VVGB Advocaten, Brussels, Belgium

**Q&A Session | 4.20-4.30 pm IST, 11 Feb**

## Discussion - Dispute Settlement in International Trade: Lessons Learnt from the Past

**CHAIR: PROF. ABHIJIT DAS**

Head and Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi, India

**PROF. FRANK ALTEMÖLLER**

(4.30-4.45 pm IST, 11 Feb | 12.00-12.15 pm CET, 11 Feb)

Professor and Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Customs and International Trade Law, University of Münster, Germany

**DR. HARSHA VARDHANA SINGH**

(4.45-5.00 pm IST, 11 Feb)

Chairman, IKDHVAJ Advisers LLP, New Delhi, India; Former Deputy Director General, WTO, Geneva, Switzerland

**MS. GITANJALI BRANDON**

(5.00-5.15 pm IST, 11 Feb | 12.30-12.45 pm CET, 11 Feb)

Indian Foreign Service, Deputy Secretary at the MEA; In-charge of the Dispute Settlement portfolio at India's Mission to the WTO from 2018-2021

**PROF. JAMES NEDUMPARA**

(5.15-5.30 pm IST, 11 Feb)

Head and Professor, CTIL, New Delhi, India, India

**PROF. KATHLEEN CLAUSSEN**

(5.30-5.45 pm IST, 11 Feb | 7.00-7.15 am EST, 11 Feb)

Associate Professor of Law, University of Miami, Florida, United States

**Q&A Session | 5.45-6.00 pm IST, 11 Feb**

# VALEDICTORY SESSION

## Valedictory Address

**SHRI AMIT YADAV**

(6.00-6.20 pm IST, 11 Feb)

Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of  
Commerce & Industry, New Delhi, India

## Special Address

**AMB. DENNIS SHEA**

(6.20-6.40 pm IST, 11 Feb | 7.50-8.10 am EST, 11 Feb)

Executive Director, J. Ronald Terwilliger Center for Housing Policy;  
Former Deputy U.S. Trade Representative  
and U.S. Ambassador to the WTO

**AMB. UJAL SINGH BHATIA**

(6.40-7.00 pm IST, 11 Feb)

Former Chairman of Appellate Body and Ambassador of  
India to the WTO; Honorary Professor at NLU Delhi, India

## Closing Remarks

**PROF. JAMES NEDUMPARA**

(7.00-7.05 pm IST, 11 Feb)

Head and Professor, CTIL, New Delhi, India

**PROF. G. S. BAJPAI**

(7.05-7.10pm, 11 Feb)

Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab, India

## ABOUT CTIL

The Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL) was established in the year 2016 by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT). The Centre's primary objective is to provide sound and rigorous analysis of legal issues pertaining to international trade and investment law to the Government of India and other governmental agencies. The Centre is aiming to create a dedicated pool of legal experts who could provide technical inputs for enhancing India's participation in international trade and investment negotiations and dispute settlement.

## ABOUT RGNUL

The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL) is a National Law University located in Patiala, Punjab, India. It was established in 2006 by the Punjab Government as a university dedicated to the field of Legal Education.

## ABOUT CADR

The Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR) at RGNUL has been established to promote students' and researchers' interest in Alternative Dispute Resolution constituting of dispute resolution methods like Arbitration, Negotiation, Mediation and Conciliation and it aims to promote and develop ADR as a vehicle for socioeconomic and political justice. The ultimate objective of the Centre is to strengthen the ADR mechanism in the country by emerging as a platform for students to further their interest in the field. A strong team of teachers and students is working towards achieving this end.



## **FACULTY CO-ORDINATOR**

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